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The Newsletter for the Third Taxing District Electric Department

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Your Commission

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Annual Meeting set for March 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

The Annual Meeting is the elector's meeting.
It is the only meeting all year
that the Commission
hands the meeting over to you, the public.

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 23rd TTD Commission Meeting at 7:00 pm at Van Zilen Hall 51 Van Zant Street
- March 3rd Annual Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Hall East Avenue
- March 15th TTD Commission Meeting at 7:00 pm at Van Zilen Hall 51 Van Zant Street
- March 29th TTD Commission Meeting at 7:00 pm at Van Zilen Hall 51 Van Zant Street

The Annual Meeting of the elector's of the Third Taxing District will be held this year on Wednesday, March 3, 2004 at 7:00p.m. at Saint Thomas Parish Hall. The hall is on East Avenue across the street from Saint Thomas Church.

This is your meeting! It is the only regularly scheduled meeting all year where the public is invited to have full participation. As electors, you hired the Commission through the election process to oversee the financial integrity of the District and the Electric Department. At the Annual Meeting the Commission presents reports to show you how they have managed them on your behalf.

The East Norwalk Improvement Association, who annually requests funds to operate the Van Zant Street Library will present a budget, for your approval, outlining their funding request for 2004/2005.

Attending the meeting will be the three District Commissioners, the District Treasurer, District Accountant, District Attorney, and the General Manager of the Electrical Department. All of them are there to answer any questions on the financial health and operations of the District and Electrical Department.

It is your meeting - you are encouraged to attend.

District Partners with City to Participate in ISO Contract

The Third Taxing District and the City of Norwalk have recently agreed to partner in a load shedding program sponsored by the Independent System Operator of New England (ISO/NE). The participants in the program are asked by ISO/NE to stop using electricity (load shedding) at certain hours of the day when there is a higher than usual need for electricity in our area. Similar to an insurance policy, ISO/NE pays for the proposed hours of load shedding whether we are asked to shed load, or not.

Commission Chairman, David Brown and General Manager George Leary put the proposal together and with the help of Brian Forshaw, the Director of Energy Markets for CMEEC, presented their proposal at a Special Meeting of the Common Council. Councilman Doug Hempstead applauded the Mayor and our representatives for their insightful ways to make money.

Load shedding requires the City to run emergency generators at their Waste Water Treatment Plant, their Public Works building, and at City Hall when called upon to eliminate the need for taking electricity from the ISO/NE grid. The Third Taxing District's part of the deal will gross \$28,800 a year, or \$144,000 over the five year contract.

The cost of electricity has skyrocketed in Southwestern Fairfield County, especially in our area. This proposal and its positive revenue flow is one of the many ways your Commission and General Manager are trying to keep your rates unchanged.

Energy Conserving Light Bulbs

Did you buy your energy saving light bulbs yet? As mentioned in last month's newsletter, you as a TTD Electric Department customer, are eligible to benefit from special discount pricing on certain Energy Star qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs at Brandman's Paint & Decorating, Home Depot, and Costco.

We think using these bulbs in your home is such an important energy saving technique, we have partnered with local outlets to make these compact energy efficient bulbs available to you at a drastic discount.

Using the bulbs offers the following advantages:

- They use 66% less energy than a standard incandescent bulb.
- They last up to 10 times longer.

Take advantage of this special energy saving offer today. Look for the "Energy Star" display at these local stores and buy as many as you need. They already have the discounted price applied. You'll be glad you did.

Keep Your Meters Clear for Readings

- After all the snow we've had recently be aware of the accessibility to your electric meter. Unplowed driveways or piles of snow in front of your electric meter can hinder the ability of our meter readers to obtain an accurate reading of your power usage. If we can not reach your meter to get an accurate reading, we are obligated by law to send you an estimated bill along with a notice that says "Meter Unreadable". We will continue to send you this notice and estimated bill until you either make the meter accessible or we are forced to determine you are ignoring our requests and turn off your electricity until the meter can be safely read. Any questions – just call our office at 866-9271 and a meter reading technician will come out and explain why the meter is deemed unreadable.

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